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**VIA CM-ECF**

The Honorable Vernon S. Broderick  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Christopher Collins et al.*, 18 Cr. 567 (VSB) (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Broderick:

We represent defendant Cameron Collins in the above-referenced matter. We submit this letter request jointly on behalf and with the consent of defendants Cameron Collins, Christopher Collins, and Stephen Zarsky (collectively, the “Defendants”).

By order dated today, May 1, 2019, the Court scheduled oral argument regarding the Defendants’ discovery motions for May 3, 2019 at 2:30 PM (“the May 3 Conference”). Although the Defendants will attend the May 3 Conference if necessary, at least one of the Defendants has a pre-planned, out-of-state event on that date. In addition, the issues to be addressed during the May 3 Conference do not appear to require the presence of any of the Defendants. Defendants’ counsel will be present in the courtroom and prepared to address the issues and questions raised by the Court.

Therefore, Defendants respectfully request, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(b)(3), that the Court excuse them from personally appearing at the May 3 Conference.

We have conferred with counsel for the government, who do not object to this request. Should the Court grant this request, Defendants’ counsel will file appropriate waivers of appearance for each Defendant in advance of the May 3 Conference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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